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Cutting carbon down to zero

2 T.O. neighbourhoods aiming for carbon neutrality Homes, businesses will be surveyed to develop emissions baseline and carbon footprint, identify reduction opportunities Later, summits with experts will offer solutions

If this was a reality show — The Biggest Carbon Loser, say — the Junction and Riverdale would be scheming against each other.

Instead, they are trying, separately, but ultimately together, to become the first carbon-neutral urban communities on Earth — reducing their measurable carbon dioxide output to the level they absorb or offset.

But first both communities must organize free-trade coffee and other details for their Project Neutral, which launches next Saturday.

"We could get 40 people or we could get 200," says Sean Drygas, a leader of the east-end effort involving homes and businesses bounded by Danforth and Pape, Logan and Langley avenues.

Rita Bijons has high hopes for the west, bounded by Annette Street, Clendenan Avenue, Runnymede Road and the CPR tracks, because her arrival on doorsteps with launch invitations already has residents thinking.

"Some are saying, 'My kids are terrible, they never turn off lights.'"

The ultimate goal is an emissions-reduction plan, with private- and public-sector partners, and implementation and the tracking of results. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Festival-goers whoop it up yesterday to the jumping sounds of an Andean music performance by the Imbayakunas at the 15th annual Festival on Bloor. The accommodating weather attracted thousands of people to the streets to celebrate and enjoy live music and theatre performances while feasting on a wide variety of food available at the festival.

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Thousands welcome return of Festival on Bloor

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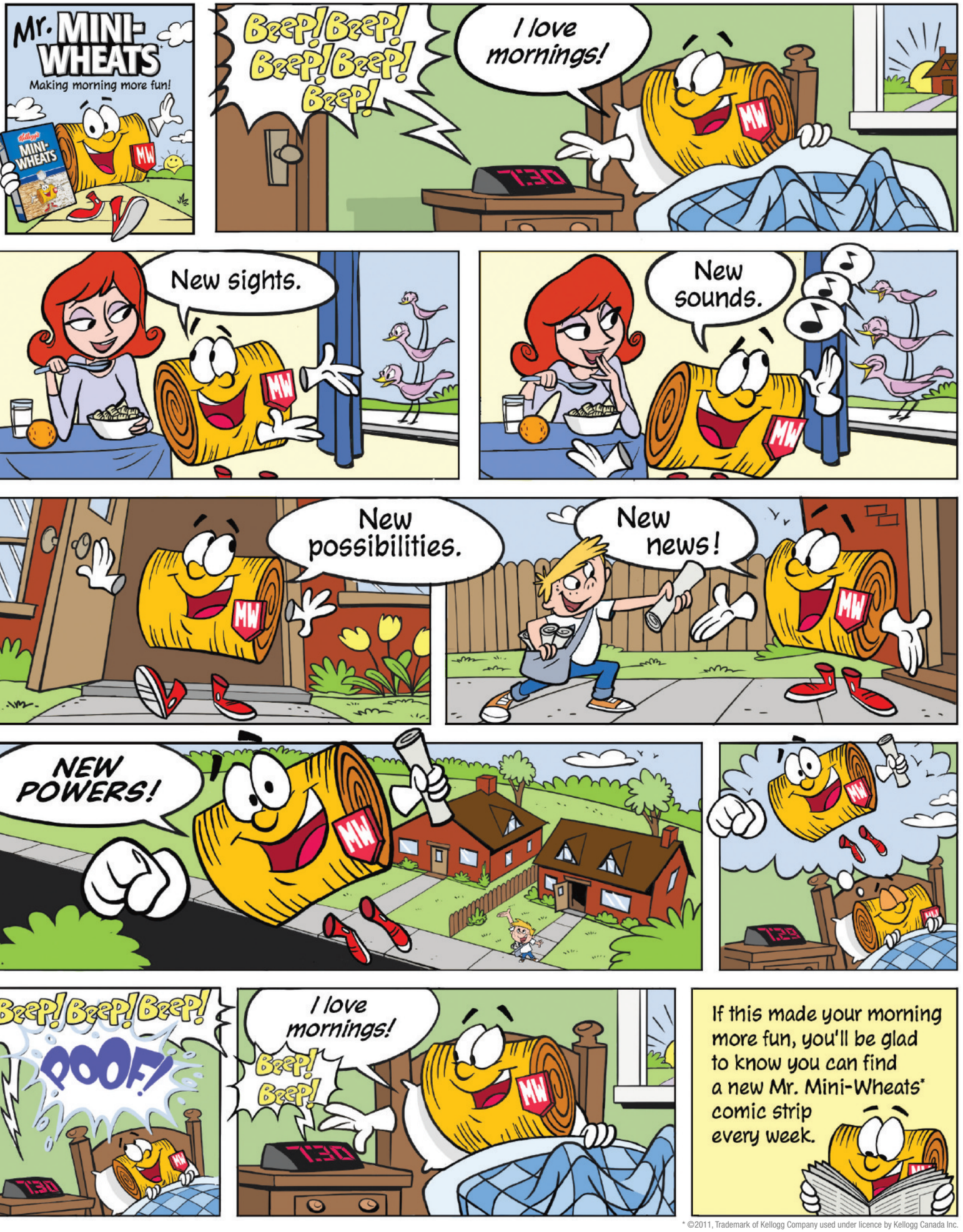

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Kayak. Polo

▶ The ball enters the goal yesterday during a game of kayak polo at Sunnyside Beach during the Mountain Equipment Co-op Paddlefest.

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Sunnyside Beach hosts Paddlefest

The Mountain Equipment Co-op Paddlefest, an urban celebration of all things paddle sport related, offered lessons for children, beginners and even experts who were looking to fine-tune some of their skills. There were also boats available for sale and rentals in Toronto, as well as a stand-up paddle course.

Presto debate continues

TTC says it won't pay any more than the originally budgeted $47M toward installing the Presto smart fare card, which has been estimated to cost between $250M and $300M

After years of hesitation, the TTC finally signalled last week that it is ready to adopt the province's Presto smart fare card.

But that won't end the debate about whether Presto is the best decision for transit riders and whether more tax dollars are being invested in technology that some believe is already obsolete.

It also doesn't mean negotiations are over between the city and the province on who is going to pay to install it. That's why the TTC is keeping an offer of a "free" open payment system by ACS Transport Solutions in its back pocket.

City councillors on the transit commission decided they at least need to appear to have some leverage for the province to pay the balance of the cost.

A leaked draft of the TTC staff report endorsing Presto, obtained by the Toronto Star last weekend, included a recommendation to cancel the open payment procurement process.

By last Monday, when that report was released, the recommendation had been removed.

On Wednesday, the TTC said it would consider the ACS offer valid until November.

But it has also been clear that Toronto can't have a free pass for something that has cost other municipalities that were more co-operative.

Mississauga's Presto implementation is costing about $12.2 million, with the province picking up one-third and the city paying $7.5 million. The amounts are small in the Toronto context, but the Mississauga bus system has an operating budget of $132 million, compared with the TTC's $1.4 billion this year.

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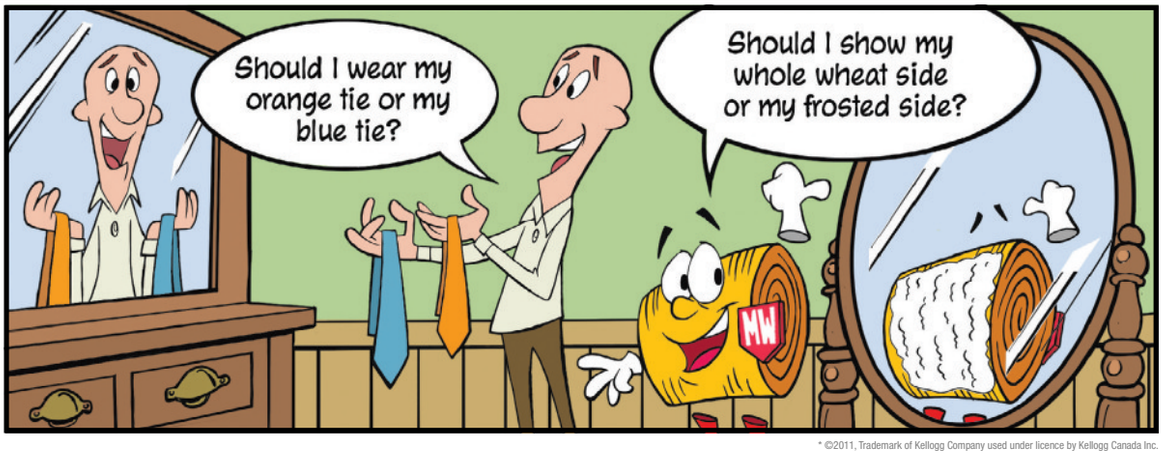

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What a girl needs ... is to be given a chance

Olympic champ Jennifer Heil inspired to end gender discrimination after trip to Africa ◐ Heil wants to raise $1M for Because I am a Girl initiative

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When Jennifer Heil was nine years old, she fell in love with the Olympics and decided she wanted to compete in them one day.

Like most girls in Canada, she could dream anything.

Heil turned those dreams into reality, winning a gold medal for Canada in freestyle skiing at the 2006 Olympic Games, followed by a silver medal at the 2010 Games.

"I was blissfully unaware of gender issues growing up in Canada," says the 28-year-old, who today is an ambassador for Plan Canada's Because I am a Girl initiative, which aims to end gender discrimination and empower girls in some of the world's poorest countries through education scholarships, microfinance projects and health-care initiatives.

In 2008, Heil became involved with Plan Canada, travelling to Burkina Faso to see the work it was doing.

"I didn't necessarily know what kind of an impact this was going to have on me," she says.

The impact was profound.

"Because of these school scholarships, those girls were given the tools they needed to build a better future and a better life," says Heil.

Today, Heil's dream is to raise $1 million for Because I am a Girl.

Some of that goal has already been reached thanks to her personal donation of $25,000 last year along with her request that her sponsors match that amount.

Many have quadrupled that amount. There's no doubt Heil's latest dream will soon become reality.

She's living proof of what just one girl can accomplish when allowed to dream and given the opportunity.

The girl issue

The statistics are sobering:

- **Missing.** An estimated 100 million girls have gone missing around the world.
- **Forced marriage.** Approximately 70,000 girls are forced into marriage every year.
- **HIV.** In Sub-Saharan Africa, teenage girls make up two-thirds of all new HIV infections.
- For more information or to donate, go to plancanada.ca.

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▶ Jennifer Heil, the first woman to win a gold medal for Canada in freestyle skiing, is an ambassador for Plan Canada's Because I am a Girl initiative, hoping to end gender discrimination and empower girls in some of the world's poorest countries.

Power plant will be election issue, residents vow

Months after the province cancelled a gas-fired power plant planned for Oakville, residents of Mississauga and Etobicoke are wondering why they are still stuck with a similar project in their backyard.

Some are vowing to make it an election issue.

A building permit issued quietly last week by the City of Mississauga cleared the way to build a 280-megawatt gas-fired plant at a site backing onto Etobicoke Creek, just west of the Sherway Gardens mall, near residential areas, a hospital and a rail line.

"When the energy minister (Brad Duguid) announced the Oakville project wasn't going forward, he said the ministry was moving away from smaller plants in residential areas," said Donald Beggs, president of the Markland Wood Homeowners Association, which represents 1,300 Etobicoke homes. "This should not happen here. This is an area where seniors and families with young children live."

Beggs said stopping the plant is at the top of the group's agenda for October's provincial election.

The province issued a request for proposals to build the plant way back in 2004. Eastern Power Ltd. won the contract. Mississauga challenged the project under zoning regulations but lost at the Ontario Municipal Board in 2007.

When nothing happened for four years, residents began to assume the plan had died — until the permit was suddenly issued two weeks ago.

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▶ Hazel McCallion

At Mississauga's council meeting last Wednesday, Mayor Hazel McCallion explained that the project "only lay sleeping" because of Eastern's inability to finance it. She said she could only assume it now has the money in place.

But critics claim Eastern is still scrambling to find backers, and the company hasn't responded to requests from the Toronto Star to explain.

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Ontario needs

Energy Minister Brad Duguid said changes in the province's electricity picture "made it clear this proposed natural gas plant is no longer required."

- When asked for clarification about the need for the Mississauga plant, Duguid did not comment. McCallion suggested Duguid may not have been aware last fall that the Mississauga plant had already been approved.

Fallen firefighters honoured at service

Toronto held a memorial service yesterday to remember firefighters who have died on duty or from a work-related disease.

Four names were added to the Memorial Honour Roll at the annual Toronto Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service at Fire Station No. 334.

The names of firefighters Bruce Arthur Catchpole and Erik Christensen along with Capt. Jon Thewlis and District Chief John James Lalonde were added to the monument.

The service included the laying of wreaths by Toronto city Coun. Gary Crawford and senior city and fire officials.

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▶ A Toronto firefighter on the job.

Dupont TTC collector robbed at gunpoint

A Toronto subway ticket collector was robbed of cash by a gun-wielding masked man.

Police say the suspect approached the collector's booth at the Dupont subway station at about 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The robber ran off after the employee handed over some money. Despite the blue mask the suspect was wearing, the ticket collector was able to describe the robber as a heavyset white man in his mid-40s, who is five feet tall and has short dark hair. The suspect was also wearing a blue checkered shirt and blue track pants. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Company lays waste to ban

Progressive disagrees city banned it from bidding on garbage contracts

Toronto city council voted in May to ban Progressive Waste Solutions from bidding on garbage collection contracts.

At least, that's what council thinks it did. Progressive, whose hiring of city waste chief Geoff Rathbone prompted the council decision, isn't so sure.

Progressive spokesperson Chaya Cooperberg said last Tuesday that the council decision was "not so cut and dried" — and that the company might submit a bid after all.

The motion passed by council reads: "In the interests of ensuring public confidence in the transparency and fairness of the bidding process, direct staff not to consider any bid received from Progressive Waste Solutions Ltd."

Said Cooperberg: "If you actually read, or dig into the details, of what council voted on, they didn't say that we could not participate, or could not submit a bid. What they did say was, they recommended that council not consider it should one be submitted. So it's worded quite delicately."

Cooperberg said Progressive is assessing its options, including whether it can "encourage council to actually review the proposal should we submit a bid."

But a spokesperson for the city's purchasing department was blunt: "If Progressive or one of its affiliates submits a bid, we will not open their bid."

Cooperberg's comments baffled both the author of the ban motion, Coun. Josh Matlow, and public works committee chair Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, who voted against the motion.

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▶ Geoff Rathbone

"I think council's direction is quite clear and specific: Council is not interested in allowing them to bid," Minnan-Wong said.

Said Matlow: "In a literal way, sure, they can write whatever they want. They can write a novel as long as War And Peace. But if they submit it to our staff, our staff aren't going to consider it."

When the TTC voted in 2006 to give Bombardier a no-bid contract for subway cars, executives at rival Siemens publicized a lower estimate in an attempt to put pressure on council to reverse the decision to sole-source the deal.

Cooperberg said in May that a lawsuit against the city was one of the options Progressive was weighing. Asked if Progressive would still consider a bid in light of the comments of the councillors and the city spokesperson, she said Friday: "To reiterate what I told you earlier this week and last month, our position has not changed — we continue to evaluate our options." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Smurfs. On ice

▶ The Smurfs, in theatres this summer, have thrown their support behind the Vancouver Canucks.

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Lead poisoning causes mass illness in China

Latest heavy metal contamination was located at tinfoil workshops

More than 600 people, including 103 children, have been sickened in China's latest case of mass lead poisoning, state media reported yesterday.

China has suffered widespread problems in recent years from heavy metal contamination, with thousands of children affected by lead poisoning in several provinces in 2009 and 2010 because they lived near metal smelters or battery factories.

The victims in the latest case were workers and their children in 25 family-run tinfoil processing workshops in Yangxunqiao town in Zhejiang province in eastern China, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Xinhua said tests showed that 26 adults and all 103 children have severe lead poisoning, while 494 others have moderate poisoning.

It said the workshops have suspended their operations.

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Lead illness

- Lead poisoning can damage the nervous, muscular and reproductive systems. Children are particularly at risk.

Disputed. Areas

▶ A Vietnamese protester carries a banner yesterday with a slogan reading, Paracel Islands and Spratly Islands belong to Vietnam.

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Vietnamese anger

Vietnamese protesters demanded that China stay out of their waters yesterday, following China's increased activities around the Spratly Islands and other disputed areas.

Rising death toll in Chinese flooding

China's flood control office says the death toll from heavy rains lashing central and southern China has risen to at least 94, with 78 people missing.

The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said on its website yesterday that torrential rains over the last week had triggered floods and landslides in 13 provinces, impacting 8.48 million people and destroying 1.15 million acres (465,000 hectares) of crops.

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Rain damage

- Water Resources Minister Chen Lei was quoted as saying the scope and intensity of the rains had caused grave casualties and damage to property.

25 arrested in clashes

Police said yesterday that 25 people in southern China were arrested after a clash between street vendors and security forces, the second such recent incident highlighting government difficulties controlling widening social unrest. The arrests were made following a dispute between a migrant couple, who are street vendors, and security forces in Xintang town near Guangzhou city on Saturday night, police said.

Such disputes are common, and bystanders often side with the vendors and accuse police of heavy-handed tactics.

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Violence mars anniversary

Police in Iran arrest protesters marking 2 years since election, opposition website says Activist reported dead after weeklong hunger strike

2009 election

- **Claims of fraud** in the June 2009 election sent waves of protesters into streets around the nation for months, triggering a deadly crackdown and mass trials of activists and pro-reform politicians.
- **The movement grew into** the most serious challenge to Iran's ruling system since its birth in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.
- **It was largely swept from the streets** after half a year and has failed to regain momentum

Iranian police swinging clubs chased protesters and made arrests yesterday to disperse hundreds of people who gathered in the capital to mark the second anniversary of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election, the opposition said.

It said police detained many of the protesters and authorities ordered shops and public places like movie theatres to close early to prevent more crowds from gathering.

The reports could not be verified independently since Iran's government has banned foreign media from covering opposition activities.

Authorities deployed hundreds of police to the main streets of Tehran, witnesses said.

Opposition activists based outside the country had called for a silent march on the second anniversary of the election.

Also yesterday, Kaleme.com said jailed opposition activist Hoda Saber died of heart failure after a week on a hunger strike.

Saber was a journalist and a member of the Religious Nationalist Alliance, which seeks peaceful political reform within the Islamic establishment.

He had been imprisoned since August 2010 and recently began a hunger strike to protest the death of another activist, Haleh Sahabi, who also died of heart problems after a scuffle with security officers during her father's funeral earlier this month.

The U.S. State Department condemned Sahabi's death.

Saber was taken to a hospital Friday and died late Saturday.

Authorities detained Saber after Ahmadinejad's re-election along with many journalists, activists and opposition figures.

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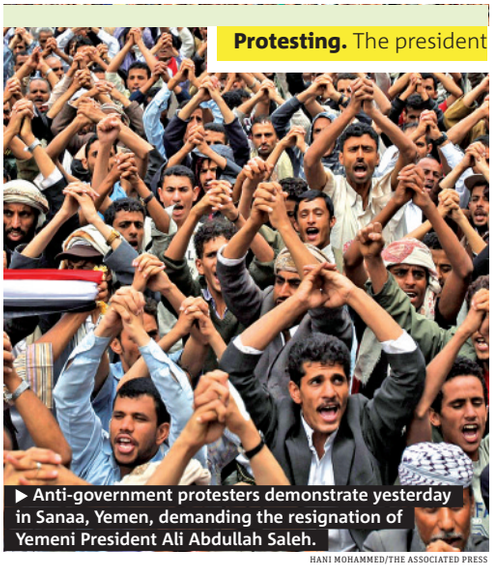

Protesting. The president

▶ Anti-government protesters demonstrate yesterday in Sanaa, Yemen, demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

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Demanding that Saleh go

The army commander leading the campaign to drive back Islamic militants has turned against Yemen's embattled president to back the protest movement calling for his ouster.

Pakistan to target Taliban hideouts: Afghanistan

Pakistan has agreed to target the hideouts of Taliban fighters and other insurgents who attack neighbouring Afghanistan and refuse to take part in faltering peace talks, Afghan officials said yesterday.

Many of the Taliban's key leaders are thought to be hiding in Pakistan, and the threat of military strikes could be used to pressure fighters to negotiate. Still, how strong Pakistan will go after the Taliban remains in question, and there was no immediate confirmation of the agreement from the Pakistani government.

Taliban fighters and other groups have long used Pakistan's tribal areas to launch attacks on NATO troops in Afghanistan, a point of contention between the two nations.

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▶Leon Panetta

Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, secretary of a peace council set up by Afghanistan's president, and other Afghan officials spoke to journalists yesterday after Afghan President Hamid Karzai returned from a visit to Pakistan's capital. CIA director Leon Panetta also spoke separately with senior Pakistani officials about intelligence sharing and efforts to reconcile with the Taliban. A four-page statement signed by Pakistani and Afghan officials dated Saturday gave no details about the proposed strikes, though presidential spokesman Farhatuallah Babar said late Sunday that "Pakistan will not permit attacks on Afghanistan from its soil."

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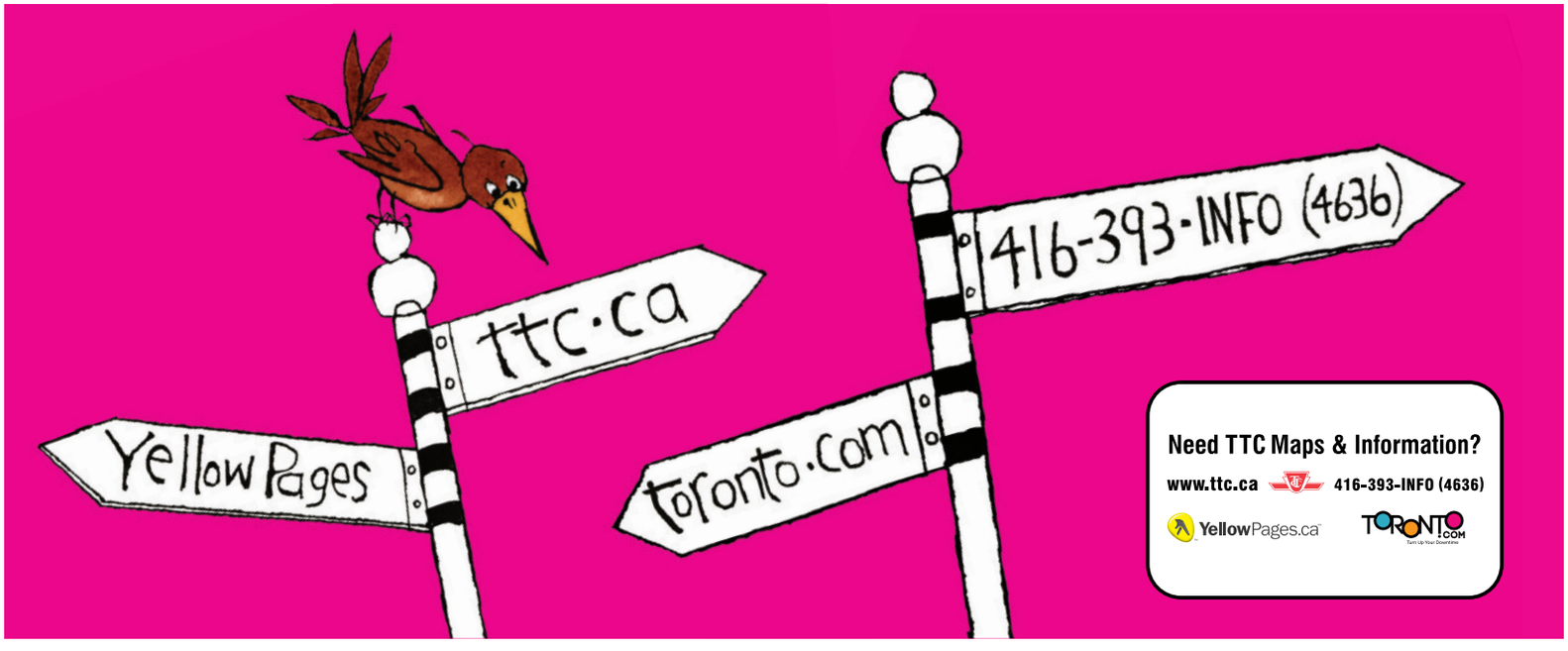
Deadly month

- **May was the deadliest month** for civilians since 2007, when the United Nations began keeping detailed records on casualties, it said.
- **Insurgents were responsible** for 82 per cent of the 368 civilians killed.



Syrian army seizes rebellious town

Mass grave filled with uniformed bodies found in town that slipped from government control June 3 More than 5,000 refugees have fled to Turkey

Elite troops led by the brother of Syrian President Basher Assad shelled the town of Jisr al-Shughour yesterday as gunships hovered overhead, paving the way for scores of tanks and armoured personnel carriers to roll in from two directions. By early afternoon, the sounds of battle faded. The army was in control of the town where police and soldiers had joined forces with the protesters they were ordered to shoot.

Bassar's actions in Jisr al-Shughour, the first town to spin out of government control since the uprising began in mid-March, sent a clear message to anyone contemplating defiance.

Arab governments, which were unusually supportive of NATO intervention in Libya, have been silent in the face of Syria's crackdown, fearing the alternative to Assad would be chaos. The country has an explosive sectarian mix and is seen as a regional powerhouse with influence on events in neighbouring Israel, Lebanon and Iraq.

In Washington, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham raised the possibility of an international force like the one in Libya.

"But it's going to take regional and international cooperation to get there. But if you really care about the Syrian people ... you need to put on the table all options, including a model like we have in Libya," Graham told CBS' Face The Nation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A Syrian refugee woman carries two children yesterday in a camp in Yayladagi, Turkey, near the Syrian border.

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Researchers find ancient shield-like fossils in the Yukon

Phoebe Cohen was awestruck when she first looked through a high-powered electron microscope at a rock sample hammered out of the Yukon.

What she saw was 800-million-year-old fossilized evidence that organisms were trying to protect themselves by forming their own shield-like plates.

It is the oldest evidence ever of biomineralization, the use of minerals by a living thing to form a hard shell, similar to the way clams or lobsters form their own protection. The tiny fossils date back between 717 million and 812 million years. "It's just amazing to think ... I'm the first person to ever see this specimen in the whole history of humanity," Cohen said

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▶ A fan prays while watching TV coverage of Game 4 last week in downtown Vancouver.

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On the verge of its first Stanley Cup in Canucks history, Vancouver quietly passes a dark milestone — tonight is the 125th anniversary of the night the city burned to the ground.

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Downtown Vancouver is a different sort of tinderbox today, one sparking with nervous excitement: The whole city seems to be holding its breath for the game.

Across the province, people exhaled with wild, happy celebration after Game 5. More than 100,000 people celebrated throughout the city.

In its 40 years as a franchise, the Canucks have never won hockey's ultimate prize.

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Freedom. Frolic

▶ Filipino dancers throw coloured pieces of cloth during the 113th Philippine Independence Day celebrations yesterday at Manila's Rizal Park. Philippine independence from Spain was proclaimed June 12, 1898.

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Looking back, moving forward

In an Independence Day speech yesterday, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said his government has stopped several graft-tainted projects and cut bureaucratic perks, allowing it to raise extra money to feed the poor, equip troops and improve the country's image among investors.

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Weiner seeks treatment

56 per cent of voters in U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner's district want him to stay in office

U.S. House Democratic leaders yesterday urged embattled Representative Anthony Weiner to quit because of his sex texting scandal, a request the New York lawmaker has sidestepped in favour of a temporary leave of absence to undergo treatment.

The Republican Party chairman criticized Democratic leaders for not taking a more forceful stand earlier on the affair, which has overshadowed much of the legislative business on Capitol Hill over the past week.

Weiner announced Saturday that he was entering professional treatment at an undisclosed location and wanted a leave of absence from Congress.

Weiner has acknowledged exchanging messages and photos ranging from sexually suggestive to explicit with several women online, and the latest to surface appeared on the entertainment website TMZ. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scandal photos

Towel The latest photos of U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner posted on the entertainment website TMZ show a shirt-less Weiner with a towel around his waist and his hand on his crotch.

Small. Salute

▶ Junrey Balawing is helped by a police officer to make a salute during a celebration of the Philippines' independence in Sindangan township, in Southern Philippines yesterday, his 18th birthday.

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Shortest man declared

Balawing was also officially declared the world's shortest living man by Guinness World Records with a head-to-toe measurement of 59.9 centimetres.

Scientists study lethal strain of E. coli

Scientists are quickly combing the DNA of the killer bacteria behind the world's worst E. coli outbreak to find clues about how to treat patients and prevent future epidemics.

So far, one strain from a German patient has been sequenced by Chinese and German scientists. While the genetic information is preliminary, experts say there are a few hints about where the bacteria came from and why it might be so lethal.

The E. coli causing Europe's massive outbreak is likely the product of another strain first detected a decade ago in Germany, but with some dangerous mutations, experts say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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So far, the bug has killed at least 35 people and sickened more than 3,000, including several hundred who have developed life-threatening kidney failure.

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Grade claim doesn't add up

Tax agency boasted perfect report card in handling public queries But audit shows it rigged the grading

The Canada Revenue Agency has been giving itself an "A" in its report card on service to taxpayers, but a new audit suggests the grading scheme was rigged.

Since 2006, officials have promised to reply to written requests from taxpayers for GST and HST rulings and interpretations within 45 days at least 80 per cent of the time. In a recent performance report to Parliament, the CRA said it met the 45-day deadline 93 per cent of the time.

But that claim did not hold up under the scrutiny of internal auditors, who did their own grading and gave the agency a mediocre 74 per cent, well below the minimum standard.

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The auditors found that the agency had been excluding from the calculation all written requests that arrive at Ottawa headquarters, counting only those handled by nine regional offices. Including the weaker performance at headquarters drags down performance by 15 percentage points.

The agency also started the clock ticking on replies to written requests only when the questions were entered into its computer system, not when the request was received. Proper date-stamping pulled performance down by another four percentage points.

The audit report called on the agency to use "date received" rather than "date inputted" in calculating its service levels.

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▶ Writer Lindsay Zier-Vogel in her home with The Love Letter Project.

LOVE LETTERS TO TORONTO

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This past weekend, a poem appeared somewhere on the streets of Toronto. Now it sits, typed on delicately collaged scraps of paper, waiting for someone to claim it. It is enclosed in a vintage red-and-blue air mail envelope, emblazoned in a calligraphic hand with a single word: Love.

"When I hide the poems, I get this weird rush," says Toronto writer and arts educator Lindsay Zier-Vogel. She refers to the 500 love poems to Toronto that she began hiding around the city over the past couple of days. It's part of The Love Letter Project, a personal creative endeavour now in its seventh year.

The concept is simple: Zier-Vogel asks the public a question — for example, "Where was your first kiss?" This time, that question is "What do you love about Toronto?" She then uses these suggestions to write short poems — love letters. Then she turns them into little works of art by printing them on multicoloured scraps of maps and Japanese paper and popping them in pretty envelopes.

She will spend the next few weekends hiding her poems in some of the very places that inspired them. They will sit there until someone picks them up — she has yet to meet someone who has found a letter, though she is hopeful it may happen this time around.

Here's an example, based on someone's love for The Dance Cave, that less-than-high-class drinking and cavorting establishment on Bloor Street West. "Love is loud/and lights/and too late Friday nights/where initials are/carved into bathroom/stalls/and nothing matters/until tomorrow."

Other Toronto wonders worthy of a poem? The back seat of a streetcar, Jet Fuel lattes with a big teaspoon of wet brown sugar, the back lane behind the old Green Room, and the twisted staircase in the AGO.

The energetic 32-year-old has placed love letters in cities across North America over the past seven years, including Montreal, Halifax, Edmonton, Calgary, Saint John, Washington, D.C., and a little town in Nebraska called Marquette. This is the first time, though, that the city itself has been the topic of the poems on such a massive scale.

"It's been a big project, but it's also allowed me to rediscover my own city," says Zier-Vogel. "I go to these places, do these things and see how amazing they are."

So if you're lucky enough to spot a red-and-blue envelope dangling from a tree or taking up a subway seat, open it and find another reason — care of Zier-Vogel — to love your city.

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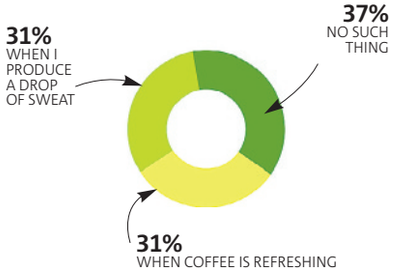

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Letters

TORONTO. Mayor Rob Ford's decision to sell more than 900 units of social housing stock in an attempt to plug the nearly $800-million city deficit sets an ugly and immoral precedent for Canadian communities.

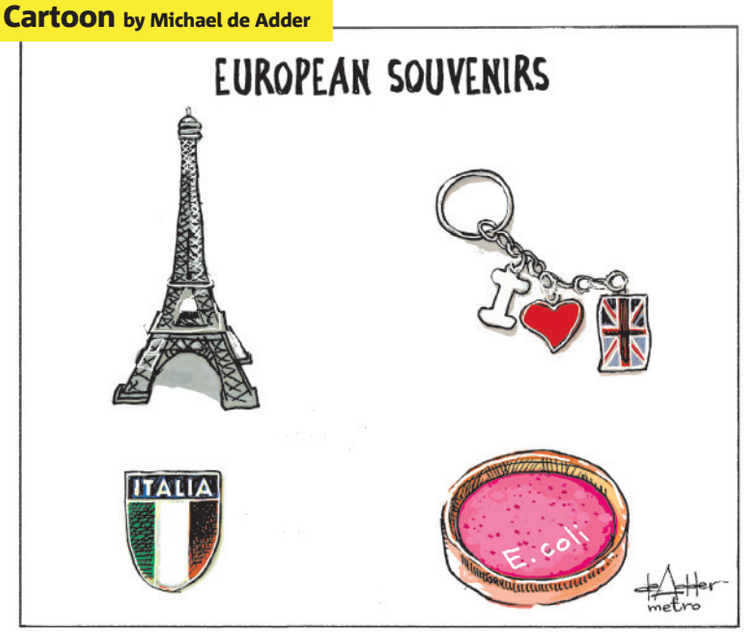
▶ Rob Ford

Social housing is an escape from the lethal streets; it lets people live in relative safety and security. We all know about the Toronto Community Housing Corporation's scandals: The $1,000 worth of chocolate lavished upon staff; the bungled stock investments; rat-infested and sewage-leaking units in which four people share one toilet; the nearly $700-million repair backlog leaving 81 single-family houses vacant — with another 77,000 people on the city's waiting list.

If the units are sold, where will the people go? Ford is proposing to violate the residents' civil right to safety and housing. If he must do this, then spend only to upgrade and fix units, not for anything else.

CHRISTOPHER MANSOUR

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Another twist on definition of the arts

Getting a lap dance isn't the same as taking in a ballet, so an alcohol-free strip club will have to pay the tax man, a New York state court has ruled.

Four Appellate Division justices agreed with a state tax appeals commission's earlier finding that dances onstage or in private rooms at the club Nite Moves in suburban Albany, N.Y., don't qualify for a state tax exemption as "dramatic or musical arts performances."

Nite Moves contested a tax bill of nearly $125,000 plus interest on lap dances and admission fees stemming from a 2005 audit. Its attorney, W. Andrew McCullough, said Friday the club has a later, larger bill it is also challenging, and that he would probably appeal the Appellate Division ruling.

McCullough said the impact of the ruling probably won't be widespread since most establishments featuring exotic dancers as entertainment are bars mainly selling alcohol where other tax rules apply. "We admit the ballet is a little different and maybe a little more finely tuned," McCullough said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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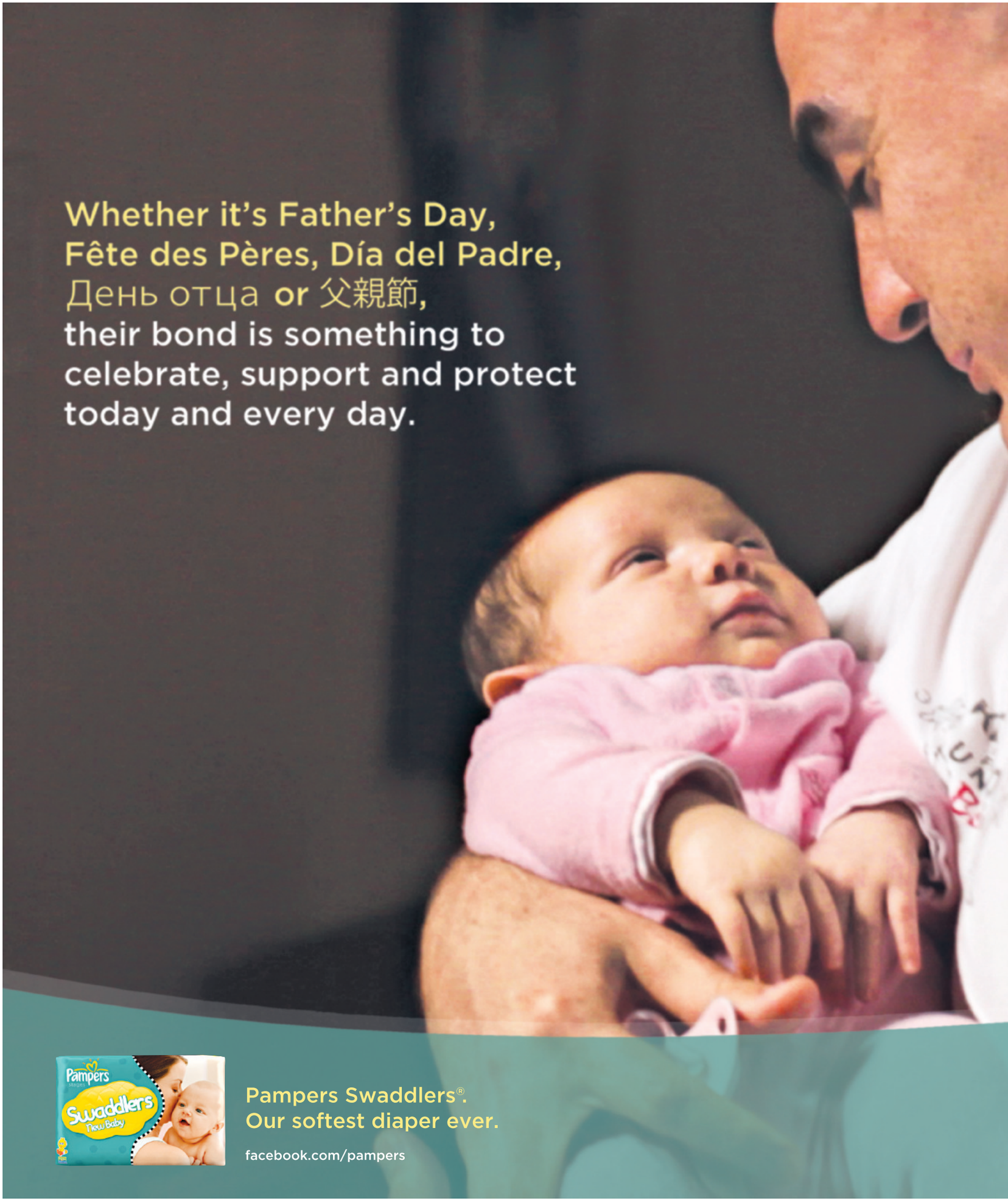
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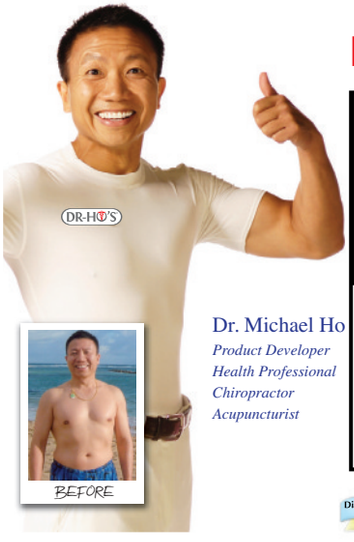

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- Jane A.

Hot summer reads

From perennial summer favourites to a touch of fantasy to books made even more frightening because they're true — we've got the perfect lit picks for your beach bag

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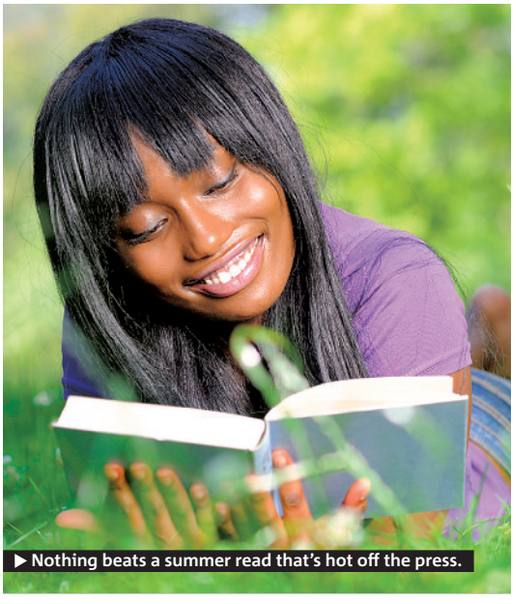


▶ Nothing beats a summer read that's hot off the press.

The Sportsman: Unexpected Lessons from an Around-the-World Sports Odyssey
Author: Dhani Jones
Release Date: June 7
Dhani Jones has done it all. He's an NFL linebacker, the star of Travel Channel's Dhani Tackles the Globe, a poet, a photographer and a bow-tie entrepreneur, and now he adds writer to the list with his new travelogue/memoir, The Sportsman.

The Next Wave: On the Hunt for Al Qaeda's American Recruits

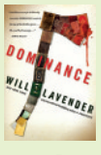
Author: Catherine Herridge
Release Date: June 12
Here's a truly terrifying beach read: We've finally nabbed bin Laden, but as author and Fox News reporter Herridge claims, the next wave of terrorists aren't coming from some far away foreign country — they're being born and raised in the U.S.

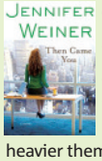
One Summer
Author: David Baldacci
Release Date: June 14
One Summer is a huge departure from David Baldacci's regular shoot-'em-up thrillers. Set on the oceanfront in South Carolina, One Summer presents a moving story about family — no gunfire involved.

Carte Blanche

Author: Jeffery Deaver
Release Date: June 14
Jeffery Deaver updates Bond to be an Afghan war vet with gadgets galore working for a super-secret, post-9-11 organization. But don't worry — this "new" Bond still gets the ladies.

Flashback
Author: Dan Simmons
Release Date: July 1
This thriller is set in the near future, where a bankrupt America is addicted to a drug that allows its population to relive the best moments and memories of the past. Simmons deftly explores how you can lose your future to your past and the inertia that can result from an addiction.

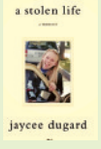
Dominance: A Novel

Author: Will Lavender
Release Date: July 5
Former professor Richard Aldiss decides, via a night class broadcast from his jail cell, to find the murderer of two of his former graduate students — a crime he was convicted of 12 years ago. But then, one of his students is killed in the same way as the previous victims.



Then Came You
Author: Jennifer Weiner
Release Date: July 12
This summer, a more grown-up Weiner (In Her Shoes, Best Friends Forever) tackles the heavier themes of surrogacy, parental rights and the definitions of motherhood via four women in her latest novel.

Girls in White Dresses

Author: Jennifer Close
Release Date: Aug. 9
So many books aimed at 25- to 35-year-old women say they perfectly capture the angst and soaring joys of post-college life, but Girls in White Dresses truly does. Told in intersecting stories of a group of friends, Close is able to nail the complexity of the times — who to date, what job to take and what to wear to the endless weddings.

A Stolen Life: A Memoir

Author: Jaycee Dugard
Release Date: July 12
Jaycee Lee Dugard needs no introduction. Even the People magazine news articles about her, which only lightly touch on her 18 years in captivity by Phillip and Nancy Garrido, read like gripping thrillers.

A Dance with Dragons: A Song of Ice and Fire: Book Five

Author: George R.R. Martin
Release Date: July 12
Fan boys the world over (and the millions of new recruits thanks to the hugely popular HBO adaptation) have been waiting for Book five from the Song of Ice and Fire series for over six years. On July 12, the wait is over.

2 scene

Box office

Hollywood's summer box-office streak has cooled a bit with a $37 million opening weekend for J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg's sci-fi tale Super 8. It was a healthy but unremarkable launch for the movie centred on teen filmmakers and an alien entity. After a string of blockbuster debuts, Hollywood's overall revenues dipped for the first time in a month.
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Angela Lansbury, 85, shows no signs of slowing

The outspoken actress shares her thoughts with Metro about why the theatre is better than movies and her experience working with Jim Carrey

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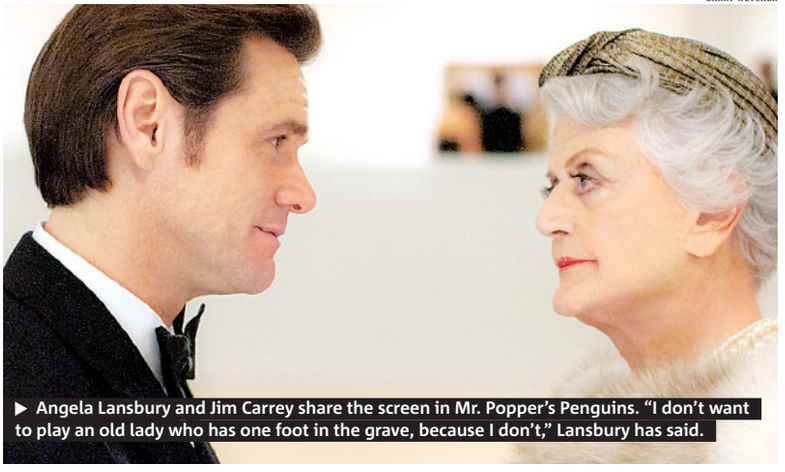

▶ Angela Lansbury and Jim Carrey share the screen in Mr. Popper's Penguins. "I don't want to play an old lady who has one foot in the grave, because I don't," Lansbury has said.

Still active on Broadway, the celebrated Angela Lansbury returns to movies with Mr. Popper's Penguins, a project she admits she mainly signed on to for the chance to work opposite Jim Carrey.

This is your first film appearance since 2005. What is it about this role that made you want to take it on?
She's a woman who really never left the 1940s. She dresses in the style of the '40s, and she's an anachronism in today's world, and that made her interesting from my point of view as an actress. I thought, Oh yeah, well I can do something here. I can do something with this lady — which wasn't necessarily evident in the script when I first read it. Also, the other huge element was the fact that Jim Carrey was going to play the main role. I have a tremendous regard for him as an artist, as an actor and as a comedian. So I was very happy to get on board.

Did you have expectations about working with him?
Yes, certainly. I wasn't sure what I was going to come up against, you know? I thought, Gosh, is he going to do pratfalls in front of me? And if he does, how am I going to react? Well, he didn't. And we had some funny stuff. You never see all the funny stuff that we shot because it's always axed out.

I as the actress will be sitting there in the projection room looking at it and say, 'But what happened to such and such?' And this is what's so awful about movies. They can tailor your performance in the editing room, and suddenly the whole of what you did is not evident. You only see a piece of what you did. And that is disturbing for actors and actresses — certainly for me it is.

Because when the curtain goes up in the theatre, boy that stage is mine to do with what I will, and nobody can cut me out or edit me out at any given moment. So to be honest with you, that's what bugs me about movies.

I suppose you never really get used to that.
No, but it didn't used to be that bad. These days, I think, editing makes the movie, whereas before the director made the movie. The way he set up a scene, how he shot it with a cameraman, that was the movie that you saw.

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A gentleman comes out

- Autobiographical movie cut close to the bone for filmmaker Mike Mills
- Beginners tells the story of his father who revealed he was gay at age 75

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Mike Mills created a variety of popular music videos and made a strong feature film debut with Thumbsucker in 2005, but his new sophomore effort Beginners is by far the director's most personal project and in many ways his finest achievement to date.

Mills' father died of cancer a few years ago, shortly after coming out of the closet at age 75.

Mills channeled his grief into writing Beginners, which stars Ewan McGregor essentially playing Mills, and Christopher Plummer as his father, going through the same enlightening and ultimately tragic journey as the director experienced in real life.

"I find that humour is one of the best tools as a writer and one of the best things to beat sadness in life for that matter. It felt very natural to combine comedy and depression because to me, that's life."
DIRECTOR MIKE MILLS

"My nightmare was to make a big expensive home movie," Mills told Metro.

"For me, it's not like that. My life was different enough. I don't get out of cars as handsomely as Ewan, and Christopher is definitely not my dad. There's something incredibly intimate and personal that happens when somebody close to you dies. That experience is very emotional and was very real in my life, but that's also a very universal and common human experience and nothing that I feel any sort of proprietary over."

Surprisingly for a movie rooted in death and depression, it's also quite funny and could even be classified as a comedy for lack of any other appropriate genre labelling.

Some might be caught off guard by this approach, but for Mills it was the only way to tell his story.

"I guess it's something I realized was a big part of my family while writing the script," admitted Mills. "I find that humour is one of the best tools as a writer and one of the best things to beat sadness in life for that matter. It felt very natural to combine comedy and depression because to me, that's life."

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▶ On Beginners: "My nightmare was to make a big expensive home movie," says director Mike Mills.

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Kudrow caters to short attention spans

Friends star Lisa Kudrow lauded for Web Therapy at Banff fest

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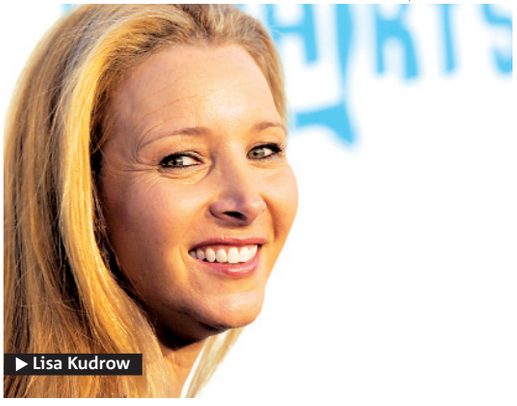

▶ Lisa Kudrow

Lisa Kudrow is well aware that Internet surfers don't concentrate on one thing for very long.

That was part of the inspiration for her improvised online show Web Therapy, which received a digital media award late last week at the Banff World Media Festival.

"People's attention span isn't too long on the Internet — like three minutes," Kudrow told The Canadian Press.

"I thought it would be so funny if people knocked things out — tasks, errands while they're on the Internet.

"It would be funny if people thought: 'I could knock out therapy... someone's offering a three minute session!' Because it's such a dumb idea, that's the worst way to do therapy. We just started developing the character that thinks offering therapy online for three minute sessions is a good idea. And we came up with a horrible person."

Web Therapy stars Kudrow as Fiona Wallice, a therapist who decides that the traditional "50 minute hour" version of counselling gives people too much leeway to talk about irrelevant things. Her three-minute sessions take place over the Internet via webcam.

Web traffic and reviews have been so good that Showtime plans to air half-hour episodes beginning July 19.

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Glee star dons apron to feed street kids

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▶ Cory Monteith

Glee star Cory Monteith, who was once a street kid himself, came to Montreal on Friday and donned an apron to help feed other young people who have been living off the streets.

Monteith joined billionaire Sir Richard Branson and Quebec singer IMA to help serve hot dogs, salad and treats to more than 100 street kids.

Rap music also echoed through the neighbourhood at the afternoon outdoor barbecue, which took place in the backyard of Dans La Rue — a youth shelter in the city's east end.

Branson says there are 65,000 kids on the streets in Canada and he praised organizations that have done everything they can to get them back on their feet.

He noted that while many had drug problems or problems at home, they were all "basically good kids who needed help getting a leg up."

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Did you know?

- Cory Monteith was born in Calgary and grew up in Victoria.

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TV Picks

It's the end for Endgame tonight as the homegrown mystery series makes its final move after a 13-episode run.

Chess master-turned-detective Arkady Balagan investigates the death of a hotel security guard and learns there is much more to the hotel employee than anyone could have imagined. Meanwhile, Pippa is convinced she knows who killed her sister Rosemary. (Showcase).

• Ashley's heart was ripped to shreds on last week's painful episode of The Bachelorette, but now that villainous Bentley is gone, can she move forward? This week, she begins an around-the-world journey in southern Thailand with the 12 remaining suitors. She and Constantine head into town to sightsee and get some love advice, the group date involves renovating a children's orphanage, and later Ashley takes to the sea with Ames. (Citytv, ABC).

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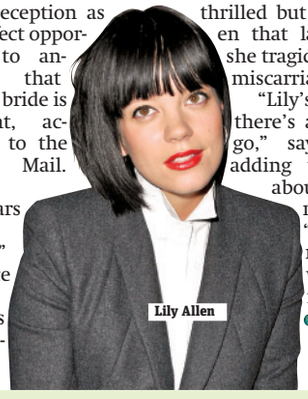
Double whammy for Lily Allen

It was a big weekend for singer Lily Allen. First, she married longtime boyfriend Sam Cooper, who then used the wedding's reception as the perfect opportunity to announce that his new bride is pregnant, according to the Daily Mail. "There were tears all around," a source says. "This is the happiest day of Lily and Sam's lives and they are so in love. This is the icing on the wedding cake."

Allen is reportedly thrilled but cautious, given that last November she tragically suffered a miscarriage.

"Lily's scared, there's a long way to go," says a source, adding that Allen is about three months along. "But the happiness outweighs the fear." METRO


Lily Allen

Big news coming from Britney?

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▶ Britney Spears

Britney Spears is reportedly sitting on some big news, as sources say she's ready to announce she and Justin Trawick are engaged, according to Hollyscoop.

"She's on cloud nine," a source says. "Britney is desperate to settle down again and have more children. But she is very traditional and didn't want to start a family with Jason until they'd tie the knot."

Trawick reportedly proposed by filling their home with roses and candles and writing Spears a poem. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@Joan_Rivers
The weather here in New York City is hot, humid and muggy. YUCK! It's so sticky, I feel like a human Post-It!

@keshasuxx
I wish I could give every single one of u a tiny truck stop figurine of a dragon.

@russellcrowe
Today I rode a jet ski from Positano to Amalfi and back...how was your day?

@SethMacFarlane
Thank you, Don Henley music. I was in too good a mood just then.

Olsens linked to some of music's best

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▶ Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have both been turning heads lately thanks to the men they've been spending time with.

First, Ashley was reportedly spotted at several events with Justin Timberlake, according to Us Weekly. While Timberlake's rep insists the two are just friends, a source insists, "They are hooking up."

And now Mary-Kate has been hitting the town with rapper Kanye West, according to E! Online. The two hit up West's birthday party at a New York City nightclub, where eyewitnesses claim they were seen kissing. METRO

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Of fathers lost and found

Estrangements can make Father's Day a quiet day for many families, but reunions can be oh so sweet Here are stories of lives touched by fathers being reunited with their kids

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From left: James Morrison (Marni's husband), Wen-ying Lu (Mark Shaw's wife), Mark Shaw (Marni's birth father), Marni Morrison, 19-year-old Allison Fuglestad (Marni's daughter), 12-year-old Lucy Fuglestad (Marni's daughter).

Amy's story

Amy, 39, always knew she was adopted from a private orphanage in Taiwan soon after her birth.

Her adoptive parents, Paul and Marjorie Ropp from the United States were living in Taiwan at the time. They had met Amy's birth father as part of the adoption process in 1972. He was a building custodian devastated by the death of his wife from complications during Amy's birth.

Amy's parents shared with her what they knew of her birth story, but none of it mattered to her growing up. It was only in 1994, after she gave birth to a son, that Amy grew interested in finding her birth father.

All Amy had to go on was an old address her birth father had left behind when he relinquished her nearly 40 years ago. As the search went on, the Ropps enlisted the aid of friends who ran an orphanage in Taiwan about an hour's drive from where Amy was born. The friends asked for help from two Hualien police officers who had passed through their orphanage doors as children. The search moved quickly and Zhen-yi Wu — Amy's birth father — turned up.

Around Christmas in 2009, Amy met her birth family. "I just hugged them all," she said. "They said, 'We've been waiting 40 years.'"

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Amy Ropp

In 2008, Marni Morrison's world turned upside down.

That's the year she decided to contact her birth mother, who told her that contrary to her adoption file, her birth father was very much alive.

"I said, 'what are you talking about?' because in my mind he had been dead all that time," said the 42-year-old mother of two daughters, ages 19 and 12. "I'm still trying to get it through my head that he's alive. You're told something your whole life and there's a lot of rewiring that goes on with this whole experience."

Marni grew up in suburban Minneapolis and lives in Red Wing, Minn. She was adopted at birth, the little sister of three much-older brothers born to her adoptive parents.

She'd had access to her adoption file since turning 18, but had no interest in looking at it until after becoming a mother herself, when she felt the need to check on potential health issues for her children.

She didn't find any health worries. Instead, she stumbled on a trail of lies. The file included a letter written by her birth mother in 1969 that said both her birth parents were medical students who'd planned to marry, but her birth father died in a motorcycle accident, "and it was too hard for her to keep me so she put me up for adoption," Marni said.

"I had always dreamed of being a father but just believed it wasn't going to happen. I look at this as a gift of a lifetime."
MARK SHAW, FATHER OF MARNI MORRISON, WHO WAS GIVEN UP FOR ADOPTION AFTER SHE WAS BORN

None of it was true, but she didn't know that until she found her birth mother and they spoke for the first time.

"She said, 'Your birth father not dead. He's a lawyer in Illinois.'"

Marni said her mother wrote the letter in an era when single mothers were often pressured to give up their babies or risk ruining their lives.

"It's very much a fairy-tale type of letter. It's a very comforting story of love," she said.

Marni and her husband, James, Googled the name her birth mother had given them for her birth father, Mark Shaw.

Two people popped up, but only one was in the right age range. But they dropped the hunt when her adoptive dad got sick. He passed away in July 2009. "He had been a rock my whole life," she said.

Nine months later, James came across a book written by someone named Mark Shaw as he searched online for advice on how to publish a play. He clicked on the author's website and staring back in a photo was a man with the same gap in his teeth as his wife.

James sent Shaw an email asking whether he had practiced law in Illinois around the time of Marni's birth. The answer was yes. The hunch was confirmed by a paternity test, and father and child now see each other every month.

"I've been in a daze for the last year," Marni said. "We recently updated our insurance policy and I can offer all my information now. I've never been able to do that."

As for Mark Shaw, he said he barely knew Marni's mother.

"This was the 1960s. I was moving around like I have my whole life — so fast," the 65-year-old author, legal analyst and seminary graduate said tearfully.

He welcomed Marni, her husband and his new-found grandchildren with open arms. He even wrote a book about his unusual path to fatherhood, Road to a Miracle.

"I had always dreamed of being a father but just believed it wasn't going to happen," said Shaw, who is married and lives in Superior, Colo. "I look at this as the gift of a lifetime."

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3 life

Father of the year

In recognition of his extraordinary life, Walter Gretzky, one of Canada's most famous fathers, is being honoured as Canada's 2011 Father of the Year by Doro, a world leader in easy-to-use cell phones and devices designed especially for seniors.

Gretzky raised five children in his hometown of Brantford, Ont., inspiring and mentoring his son Wayne to become one of the greatest hockey players in the world. METRO

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Quesadillas with an avocado upgrade

These quesadillas are kicked up for a fresh take on a Mexican favourite

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▶ By adding avocados, these quesadillas get a fresh makeover.

Don't be discouraged by the number of ingredients in this recipe for Mexican quesadillas. The recipe comes together in 40 minutes and is served with avocado citrus cream.

For a warm weather party, this will serve eight guests and it is worth the preparation.

Preparation:

1. Quesadillas: In a mixing bowl, combine chicken, black beans, onions, cilantro, chilies, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper. Let sit for 20 minutes to blend flavours.
2. In a bowl, mix cheeses together.
3. Lay tortillas on a clean counter or other work surface and brush with melted butter.
4. Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Place a tortilla, buttered side down, into skillet and place one-quarter of the cheese mixture over entire tortilla. Place one-quarter of the chicken mixture over half of the tortilla, leaving the other half empty. Cover chicken mixture with one-quarter of the avocado slices. Cook until cheese begins to melt, 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Fold tortilla in half over avocado and chicken mixture. Continue cooking until tortilla is lightly golden on both sides and cheese begins to ooze. Repeat with remaining quesadillas and ingredients.
6. Avocado Citrus Cream: Meanwhile, combine ingredients in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth.
7. Cut quesadillas into wedges; serve with cream.

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Ingredients:

Chicken Quesadillas

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded roasted chicken
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) canned black beans, drained
- 1 bunch green onions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch cilantro, roughly chopped
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) minced, canned chipotle chilies
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) grated Mexican manchego cheese
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated pan-ela cheese
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated cotija cheese
- 4 flour tortillas (each 25 cm/10 inches in diameter)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/2 ripe, fresh avocados seeded and cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch) slices

Avocado Citrus Cream

- 1 ripe fresh avocado, seeded, peeled and quartered
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) light sour cream
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 orange, juiced
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

Putting unity in CommUnity

Green school grants help kids across Canada build a greener future in their own backyard

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Small ideas can lead to big changes. That's why WWF-Canada has teamed up with Loblaw to offer Green CommUnity School Grants to students and schools who want to help build a cleaner, greener world.

"We developed the program to tap into the excitement, passion and sense of community that comes with schools," says Christina Topp, WWF VP of marketing and communications. "To drive everyday change in the school environment, and in the broader community."

Composting, gardening, solar energy, recycling programs — any innovative idea from any school, anywhere in Canada, can receive up to $5,000 in financial backing.

"We've been doing this program for two years, and it's great fun to look at the applications," says Topp.

"Bike recycling programs, and gardens, and worm recycling! It's phenomenal."

Grants have been awarded to large inner-city schools, tiny one-room schoolhouses, and almost every kind of classroom in between.

"You'll have students doing everything from biodiversity and natural projects outside to solar panels, to creating bio-fuel buses," Topp enthuses. "Whatever the problem is, they're thinking about it and coming up with solutions."

ISTOCK PHOTO

▶ Schools across Canada are applying for the green grants.

Peggy Hornell, senior director of community investment at Loblaw, says the program arose from one of the supermarket chain's ongoing environmental efforts.

From schools to sponsors, this simple, open-ended program is impressing and delighting everyone involved.

"There is certainly room for expansion," Topp concludes.

"But with kids — if we get them to adopt green ways of living from childhood — we don't need to change behaviours. It just becomes the everyday way they live."

Close to home

Using the grant.

Toronto Williamson Road Public School, in the Toronto Beaches neighbourhood, is using its Green CommUnity School grant to buy equipment and tools for its ambitious edible organic garden project. Young students will harvest the vegetables, while older ones turn the crops into soups and salads.

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A friendlier feeding of the front lawn

Having gone green early, one couple's business is blooming **Have they had time to stop and smell the roses?**

TURNING POINT

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"Being an entrepreneur is having a vision and sticking to it. Sometimes you're on the edge of insanity but I think the companies that succeed are the people that push through the hard times and make it."

Tammy Lawrence and husband Dave knew they were on to something big 15 years ago when they started developing organic lawn-care products. They were ahead of the curve and the pesticide bans that would sweep across Canada.

▶ Tammy Lawrence, president and owner of Turf Revolution.

Years of costly research and development followed and now their company, Turf Revolution, based in Ayr, Ont., is set to grow 74 per cent this year. The business is exciting and they just expanded into the U.S. market, but Tammy admits guiding a company through the recent global recession has taken a huge toll on their lives.

"I wish we had known about the unexpected costs. We didn't anticipate how much growth we would have and how much cash flow we would need but I feel the breakthrough is around the corner. We just have to keep forging ahead."

Greener greens

Organic Fertilizer Market

- Revenue of $160 million a year
- Market expected to grow 30 per cent over next five years
- Recent survey found 90 per cent of home owners want non-chemical products
- Using organic lawn products means less water and mowing

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So much more than selling some clothes

BOOK REVIEW

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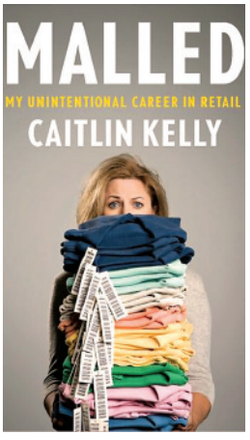
Recall your most recent shopping trip, and chances are your experience whether positive or negative was most likely influenced by your interaction with a retail sales associate.

Caitlin Kelly, a veteran journalist facing declining opportunities for quality paying writing assignments, picked up a retail gig in an upscale neighbourhood mall to create some additional part-time income.

In her book, Malled, she journals her two year retail stint.

"I have never worked in any job that paid so little for such hard work," says Kelly.

Even though 70 per cent of the U.S. economy



relies on its GDP from consumer spending, "retail sales associates, clerks, floor walkers, team members – whatever you choose to call them — remain oddly invisible in the media."

Kelly's book offers some sobering insights into this gruelling and highly under appreciated job. Kelly attributes the silence because "most workers doing these tough jobs for low wages are those least able to afford losing them... they have powerful incentive to remain silent."

The fact however is that companies that have figured out how to keep their staff happy by providing fair wages, benefits, training and a safe work environment clearly outperform their competitors. Why? When over 85 per cent of buying decisions take place at the store a "lousy or lazy clerk can send you spinning right back onto the street, frustrated, empty-handed, and indignant – or a good one can help you happily spend all sorts of money on items you hadn't planned to purchase that day, maybe ever."

Told from the perspective of an experienced professional, Kelly's insights offer a sympathetic look into the backrooms of the gleaming sales floors we peruse... I for one will certainly be more patient and friendly on my next shopping trip.

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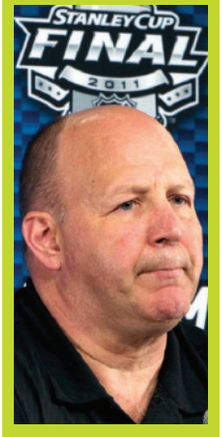

"We're focused. We understand the situation. When you've been through it quite a few times, you certainly know how to deal with it a lot better and we've certainly been through it enough."
BRUINS COACH CLAUDE JULIEN, ON HIS TEAM FACING ELIMINATION

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Is long wait almost over?

Canucks poised to become first Canadian team in 18 years to bring home the Stanley Cup

The last time a Canadian-based team won the Stanley Cup — the Montreal Canadiens in 1993 — it was no big deal.

Well, it was a really big deal if you were a fan of the Canadiens, who caused a surprise by reaching the final and then dispatching Wayne Gretzky's Los Angeles Kings in five games to claim their record 24th cup. Big enough that there was a riot in downtown Montreal after the cup-clinching game.

But in those days, a Canadian team winning it all was the norm rather than the exception.

If the Vancouver Canucks beat the Boston Bruins this season, it would end an 18-year cup drought for the country that lives and dies with hockey. And it would end a jinx that saw the 1994 Canucks, 2004 Calgary Flames, 2006 Edmonton Oilers and 2007 Ottawa Senators all lose in the final.

When Montreal last drank from the silver bowl, it ended Mario Lemieux and the Pittsburgh Penguins' two-year reign. But before that, the cup had been won seven straight years by Canadian teams — five by the Oilers and one each by Montreal (1986) and Calgary (1989).

"There's 30 teams in the league now and every year it's very competitive," Vincent Damphousse, the scoring leader on the 1993 Montreal team, said this week. "It's not like the 1950s or '60s where you could build a team and keep it together and have a dynasty.

"I think you'll see a lot of teams going 20, 30, 40 years without winning now."
VINCENT DAMPHOUSSE ON THE DIFFICULTY OF WINNING THE CUP

The 1992-93 Canadiens rode other-worldly goaltending from Patrick Roy and a record 10 consecutive overtime victories to a cup few gave them any chance of winning after a regular season in which they finished third in what was then called the Adams Division, behind Boston and detested rival the Quebec Nordiques.

General manager Serge Savard had made two key pre-season acquisitions, picking up scoring forwards Damphousse and Brian Bellows, to add scoring punch to a group led by centre Kirk Muller, captain Guy Carbonneau, gritty winger Mike Keane and promising young winger John LeClair.

The top defence pair had point man Mathieu Schneider and tough guy Lyle Odelein, followed by Eric Desjardins and Jean-Jacques Daigneaut.

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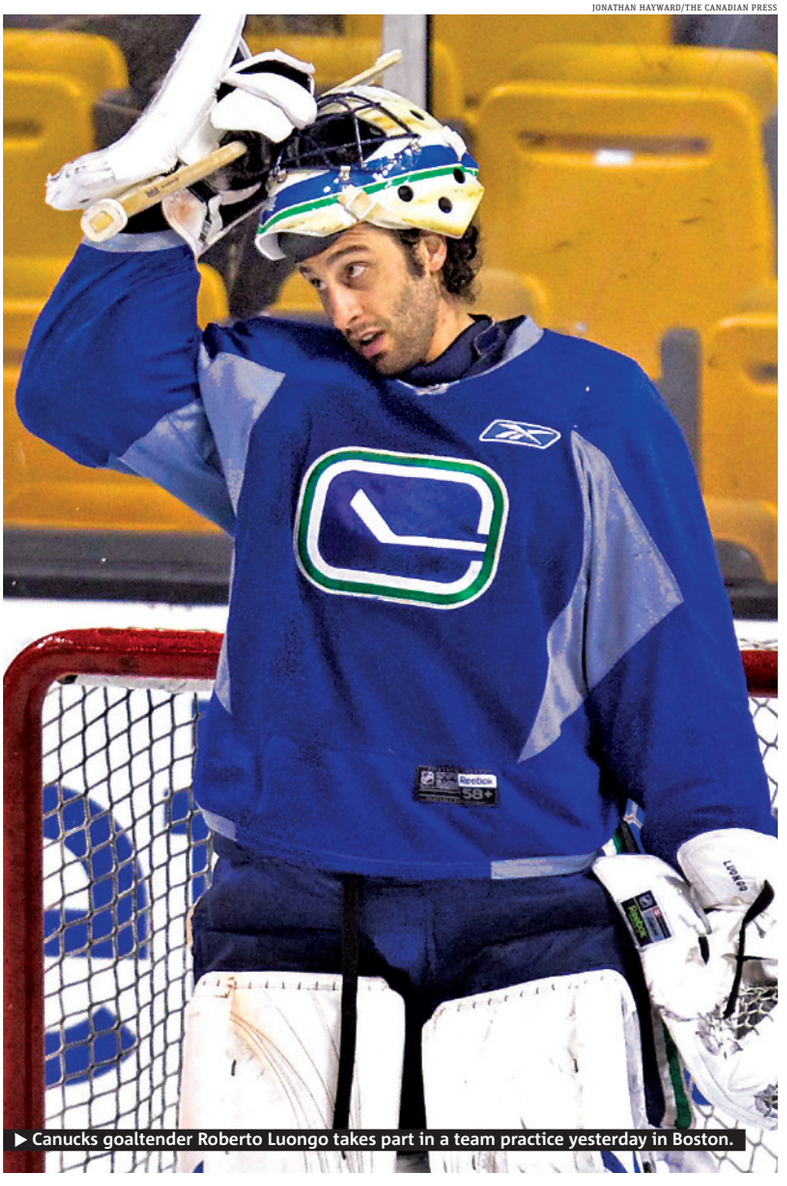

▶ Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo takes part in a team practice yesterday in Boston.

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▶ Canucks defenceman Aaron Rome was suspended for four games after a late hit on Nathan Horton of the Bruins last week.

Rome says he'd make hit on Horton again

Given the chance to level Nathan Horton again, Aaron Rome would probably make the same play that got him kicked out of the Stanley Cup final.

The Vancouver Canucks defenceman ended his silence after practice yesterday and made it clear that he still doesn't understand why the NHL handed him a four-game suspension for hammering Horton with a late hit in Game 3.

"If I could go back, I'd wish he didn't get hurt but I don't think it would change my decision on the play," said Rome. "I've got to step up and be physical, that's part of my game. It's just unfortunate."

The suspension he received from league vice-president Mike Murphy is the longest in the history of the Stanley Cup final.

Horton suffered a concussion on the play and is out for the series. Rome attempted to reach the Bruins forward with text messages but didn't receive a response.

Rome has continued practising with his teammates even though he's not eligible to return to the lineup until next season.

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VANCOUVER (W1) VS. BOSTON (E3)
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NBA

PLAYOFFS

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FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
MIAMI VS. DALLAS
(Dallas leads 3-2)
Last night's result
Dallas at Miami
Tomorrow's game
x - Dallas at Miami, 9 p.m.
x — if necessary.

TENNIS

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GERRY WEBER OPEN

At Halle, Germany
Singles — Championship
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-6 (5), 2-0 (retired).
Doubles — Championship
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (1), Pakistan, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, and **Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont.,** 7-6 (8), 3-6, 11-9.
Singles — Semi-finals
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Tomas Berdych (2), Czech Republic, 7-6 (7), 2-6, 6-3.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Gael Monfils (3), France, 6-3, 6-3.

AEGON CHAMPIONSHIPS

At London
Singles — Semi-finals
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Andy Roddick (3), U.S., 6-3, 6-1.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. James Ward, Britain, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Max Mirnyi, Belar., and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** def. Robert Lindstedt, Swe., and Horia Tecau (7), Roman., 6-3, 3-6, 10-7 (tiebrk.).
Doubles — Semi-finals
Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** 6-7 (7), 7-6 (6), 10-8 (tiebreak).

ATP-WTA

UNICEF OPEN

At Den Bosch, Netherlands
Men's Singles — First Round
Ivan Dodig (4), Croatia, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-4, 7-5.
J.Marti, Spain, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver (8), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Women's Singles — First Round
Dominika Cibulkova (5), Slovakia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-3, 6-0.
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Klara Zakopalova (8), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-4, 6-1.

WTA

E-BOKS SONY ERICSSON OPEN

At Copenhagen, Denmark
Singles — Championship
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Lucie Safarova (4), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
Singles — Semi-finals
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-1, 6-2.
Lucie Safarova (4), Czech Republic, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

AEGON CLASSIC

At Birmingham, England
Singles — Championship
Daniela Hantuchova (4), Slovakia, vs. Sabine Lisicki, Germany (ppd., rain).
Singles — Semi-finals
Daniela Hantuchova (4), Slovakia, def. Ana Ivanovic (2), Serbia, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-2.
Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Peng Shuai (3), China, 6-3, 6-1.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

RED SOX 14, BLUE JAYS 1

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Ellsbury cf	5	3	2	0	1	0	.318
Pedroia 2b	4	2	1	2	2	1	.262
Ad.Gonzalez 1b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.341
Cameron ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.156
Youkilis 3b	4	3	3	4	2	0	.264
Ortiz dh	6	2	2	4	0	1	.325
C.Crawford lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.246
Sutton lf-1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.290
Saltalamacchia c	4	0	3	1	1	1	.252
J.Drew rf	5	0	0	0	0	4	.227
Scutaro ss	4	1	2	1	1	1	.283
Totals	**43**	**14**	**17**	**14**	**7**	**11**	
Toronto	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Y.Escobar ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.277
C.Patterson lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Bautista rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.338
McCoy rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Lind 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.327
J.Rivera ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Arencibia c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Encarnacion dh	2	0	1	0	1	0	.271
A.Hill 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.238
R.Davis cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.249
J.Nix 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.186
Totals	**29**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**8**	

Boston	**102**	**063**	**002—14**
Toronto	**000**	**100**	**000—1**

	17	0
	2	0

LOB—Boston 9, Toronto 2. 2B—Ad.Gonzalez (22), Youkilis (18), Ortiz (18), Sutton (6), Saltalamacchia (8), Scutaro (5). HR—Ad.Gonzalez (13), off Drabek; Pedroia (5), off Drabek; Ortiz (17), off Drabek; Youkilis (9), off Rauch; Bautista (21), off Lester. RBIs—Pedroia 2 (28), Ad.Gonzalez 2 (60), Youkilis 4 (42), Ortiz 4 (43), Saltalamacchia (19), Scutaro (10), Bautista (42). Runners left in scoring position—Boston 4 (Ellsbury, J.Drew, Youkilis, Scutaro); Toronto 1 (J.Nix). Runners moved up—Pedroia, Ad.Gonzalez, C.Crawford, A.Hill. GIDP—Ellsbury.
DP—Toronto 1 (A.Hill, Lind).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lester W, 9-2	8	2	1	1	1	8	102	3.73
Bowden	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0.00
Toronto	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Drabek L, 4-5	4	7	8	8	4	5	91	5.70
L.Perez	1⅓	5	4	4	1	2	31	3.92
Camp	1⅓	2	0	0	1	2	32	4.45
F.Francisco	1	1	0	0	1	2	22	5.50
Rauch	1	2	2	2	0	0	25	4.15

T—2:54. A—30,364 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Bautista	201	51	68	20	41	.338
Lind	157	27	52	11	37	.331
Molina	73	12	22	1	6	.301
Patterson	227	35	65	5	28	.286
Escobar	227	38	64	7	24	.282
Encarnacion	168	18	45	2	12	.268
Davis	182	26	46	1	17	.253
Rivera	208	20	51	4	23	.245
Arencibia	181	21	44	10	34	.243
Hill	186	16	45	1	26	.242
McCoy	66	8	15	1	4	.227
Nix	110	13	21	4	15	.191
McDonald	105	13	20	2	11	.190

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
McCoy	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Perez	1	0	0	19.1	14	2.33
Rzepczynski	2	1	0	27.2	26	2.93
Janssen	2	0	1	26.2	22	3.04
Frasor	1	1	0	26.1	23	3.08
Villanueva	4	0	0	46.2	35	3.09
Romero	5	6	0	87.2	75	3.18
Rauch	2	2	7	25.0	16	3.60
Reyes	2	5	0	73.1	47	4.30
Litsch	4	3	0	46.1	36	4.66
Camp	0	1	0	28.2	14	4.71
Drabek	4	4	0	68.2	43	4.98
Dotel	1	1	1	17.1	21	5.19
Morrow	2	4	0	54.1	66	5.63
Francisco	1	3	5	17.0	19	5.82

Yesterday's game not included

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	26	.600	—
New York	36	27	.571	2
Tampa Bay	35	30	.538	4
Toronto	32	34	.485	7½
Baltimore	30	33	.476	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	29	.540	—
Detroit	35	30	.538	—
Chicago	33	35	.485	3½
Kansas City	28	37	.431	7
Minnesota	26	39	.400	9

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	36	31	.537	—
Seattle	34	32	.515	1½
Los Angeles	31	35	.470	4½
Oakland	28	39	.418	8

Yesterday's results
Boston 14 Toronto 1
Minnesota 6 Texas 1
Seattle 7 Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 9 Baltimore 6
Chicago White Sox 5 Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 9 Cleveland 1
Kansas City at L.A. Angels
Saturday's results
Boston 16 Toronto 4
L.A. Angels 7 Kansas City 5
Minnesota 8 Texas 1
Tampa Bay 7 Baltimore 5 (11 inn.)
Chicago White Sox 3 Oakland 2
N.Y. Yankees 4 Cleveland 0
Detroit 8 Seattle 1
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Cleveland (C.Carrasco 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-0) at Detroit (Coke 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 5-4) at Seattle (Vargas 4-3), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	40	26	.606	—
Atlanta	38	28	.576	2
Florida	32	32	.500	7
New York	32	33	.492	7½
Washington	29	36	.446	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	38	28	.576	—
St. Louis	38	29	.567	½
Cincinnati	34	32	.515	4
Pittsburgh	31	33	.484	6
Chicago	25	39	.391	12
Houston	24	42	.364	14

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	36	29	.554	—
Arizona	36	30	.545	½
Colorado	31	33	.484	4½
Los Angeles	30	36	.455	6½
San Diego	29	37	.439	7½

Yesterday's results
Philadelphia 4 Chicago Cubs 3
Arizona 5 Florida 1
Atlanta 4 Houston 1
Milwaukee 4 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 7 Pittsburgh 0
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado
Washington at San Diego
Cincinnati at San Francisco
Saturday's results
Philadelphia 7 Chicago Cubs 1
Arizona 9 Florida 5
Atlanta 6 Houston 3 (10 innings)
Cincinnati 10 San Francisco 2
Milwaukee 5 St. Louis 3
Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Mets 2
Washington 2 San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 11 Colorado 7
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Duke 1-1) at Florida (Nolasco 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 3-4) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Bass 0-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 4-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 5-7), 10:10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Yesterday's results
Chicago 1 Columbus 0
Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas
Saturday's results
Toronto 2 Los Angeles 2
Vancouver 2 Seattle 2
Houston 2 Chivas USA 1
Philadelphia 1 Real Salt Lake 1
San Jose 4 D.C. United 2
Colorado 1 Portland 0

CONCACAF

GOLD CUP

Yesterday's results
GROUP A
At Chicago
El Salvador 6 Cuba 1
Mexico vs. Costa Rica

Saturday's results
GROUP C
At Tampa, Fla.
Canada 1 Guadeloupe 0
Panama 2 U.S. 1

CYCLING

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE

At La Toussuire, France
(Seventh and Final Stage)
1. Joaquim Rodriguez Oliver, Spain, Katusha, 3 hours, 24 minutes, 30 seconds; 2. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, 7 secs behind; 3. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, s.t.; 4. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, s.t.; 5. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kaz., Astana, s.t.; 6. Chris Sorensen, Denmark, Saxo Bank, 0:10
Overall Standings
(final after seven stages)
1. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky, 26 hr, 40 min, 51 sec; 2. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, 1 min 26 seconds behind winner; 3. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kaz., Astana, 1:49; 4. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 2:10; 5. Joaquim Rodriguez Oliver, Spain, Katusha, 2:51; 6. Christophe Kern, Fra., Europcar, 3:05.

GOLF

PGA

FEDEX ST. JUDE

At Memphis, Tenn.
Par 70
Final Round
(x-won on third playoff hole)

x-Harrison Frazar, $1,008,000	71-65-64-67—267
Robert Karlsson, $604,800	66-65-68-68—267
Camilo Villegas, $252,560	69-69-70-64—272
Tim Herron, $252,560	73-65-69-65—272
Ryuji Imada, $252,560	70-68-68-66—272
Charles Howell III, $252,560	72-67-67-66—272
Retief Goosen, $252,560	68-71-64-69—272
Stephen Ames, $162,400	**69-68-68-68—273**
Carl Pettersson, $162,400	69-69-67-68—273
Cameron Tringale, $162,400	71-68-66-68—273
Lee Westwood, $134,400	69-70-69-66—274
John Merrick, $134,400	66-69-67-72—274
David Mathis, $112,000	65-72-72-66—275
Robert Allenby, $112,000	70-71-67-67—275
Spencer Levin, $84,000	72-69-71-64—276
Fabian Gomez, $84,000	67-70-71-68—276
Troy Matteson, $84,000	70-67-70-69—276
D.J. Trahan, $84,000	74-67-66-69—276
Colt Knost, $84,000	66-68-72-70—276
Brandt Snedeker, $84,000	71-66-69-70—276
Blake Adams, $84,000	72-67-66-71—276
Jimmy Walker, $58,240	69-70-70-68—277
Rod Pampling, $58,240	75-66-68-68—277
Kris Blanks, $58,240	66-71-68-72—277

Also

David Hearn, $14,806	**69-70-69-73—281**
Made Cut, But Not Play In Final Round	
Graham DeLaet, $10,472	**73-69-73—215**

LPGA

STATE FARM CLASSIC

At Springfield, Ill.
Par 72
Final Round

Yani Tseng, $255,000	67-66-66-68—267
Cristie Kerr, $155,512	70-67-66-67—270
Paula Creamer, $100,041	68-68-69-67—272
Brittany Lincicome, $100,041	67-69-66-70—272
Se Ri Pak, $63,857	69-68-68-68—273
Mindy Kim, $63,857	64-67-69-73—273
Wendy Ward, $48,105	68-69-67-70—274
Jiyai Shin, $36,611	66-68-73-68—275
Angela Stanford, $36,611	73-67-66-69—275
Juli Inkster, $36,611	67-70-67-71—275
Shanshan Feng, $36,611	68-65-69-73—275
Kyeong Bae, $27,983	69-69-71-67—276
Michelle Wie, $27,983	72-67-68-69—276
Suzann Pettersen, $27,983	70-67-69-70—276
Natalie Gulbis, $22,818	72-69-68-68—277
I.K. Kim, $22,818	70-70-69-68—277
Brittany Lang, $22,818	68-70-70-69—277
Morgan Pressel, $22,818	68-69-71-69—277

NATIONWIDE TOUR

REX HOSPITAL OPEN

At Raleigh, N.C.
Par 71
Final Round

Kyle Thompson, $99,000	68-66-68-68—270
Scott Brown, $41,067	69-63-71-68—271
Troy Kelly, $41,067	68-70-63-70—271
Martin Flores, $41,067	66-67-68-70—271
J.J. Killeen, $20,075	66-70-70-66—272
Kyle Reifers, $20,075	65-70-67-70—272
Ryan Armour, $20,075	68-66-67-71—272
Brian Vranesh, $15,950	69-69-67-68—273
Josh Geary, $15,950	71-67-67-68—273
Danny Wax, $15,950	67-68-67-71—273
Will Wilcox, $12,100	68-73-68-65—274
Elliot Gealy, $12,100	68-69-70-67—274
Tim Wilkinson, $12,100	69-68-70-67—274
Rahil Gangjee, $12,100	70-66-69-69—274

Also

Richard T. Lee, $1,705	**71-70-73-68—282**
Jon Mills, $1,540	**71-70-72-71—284**

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▶ Dallas Mavericks, from left, Dirk Nowitzki Jason Kidd, Jason Terry and Shawn Marion celebrate winning the NBA championship.

Mavs get redemption in Miami

Heat outmatched in second half as Nowitzki and Co. win Dallas its first NBA championship

MAVERICKS	HEAT
105	95

For Dirk Nowitzki, the resumé is complete. He's an NBA champion.

For LeBron James, the agonizing wait continues for at least one more year.

Avenging what happened five years ago in perfect turnabout style, the Dallas Mavericks won their first NBA title by winning Game 6 of this final in Miami 105-95 last night — celebrating on the Heat's home floor.

Jason Terry scored 27 points, Nowitzki added 21 and the Mavericks won four of the series' last five games, a turnaround that could not have been sweeter after seeing the Heat celebrate their first title in Dallas after Game 6 of the 2006 finals.

"Tonight," Terry said, "we got vindication."

James did not. Not even close, and a year unlike any other ended the way they all have so far — with him waiting for an NBA title.

He scored 21 points for Miami, shook a few hands afterward, and departed before most of the Mavs tugged on their championship hats and T-shirts. Chris Bosh had 19, Mario Chalmers 18 and Dwyane Wade 17 for the Heat.

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle joined a highly elite group, those with NBA titles as both a player and a head coach. Only 10 other men are on that list, including the presumably retired Phil Jackson, one of Carlisle's mentors in K.C. Jones, and Heat president Pat Riley — who led Miami past Dallas in 2006, and was the mastermind behind the Heat getting James, Wade and Bosh on the same team.

But the Heat lost the last game and that means this year was a disappointment — except to just about everyone else in the NBA.

When it was over, Mavs owner Mark Cuban ran onto the court to hug Carlisle, then punched the air and whooped.

Dallas took control in the second half after some wild back-and-forths in the opening two quarters. Miami took its last lead of the game just 64 seconds into the second half, lost it 16 seconds later and chased the Mavericks the rest of the way.

They never caught up.

Jason Kidd, at 38 years old, got his first championship. Nowitzki got his at 32 and Terry at 33.

Nowitzki sealed it with 2:27 left, hitting a jumper that put Dallas up 99-89. He walked to the Mavs' side of the court slowly, right fist clenched and aloft.

He knew it. Everyone did.

"All those unique individual stories is what propelled us to this victory," Terry said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Jays swept by Red Sox in blowout fashion

RED SOX	JAYS
14	1

If this weekend's three-game series against the Boston Red Sox was a measuring stick for the Toronto Blue Jays, then their rebuilding project still has a long way to go.

The Red Sox completed the sweep of the Blue Jays yesterday with a 14-1 victory to extend their season-best winning streak to nine games. They outscored the Blue Jays 35-6 in the three games.

"That's a good weekend, you can't count on that very often, that doesn't happen like that all the time," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "You'll take it when you can get it."

David Ortiz and Kevin Youkilis drove in four runs each and left-hander Jon Lester (9-2) pitched a two-hitter over eight innings as the Red Sox dropped the Blue Jays to 7½ games behind them in the American League East.

The Red Sox had four home runs among their 17 hits. Ortiz hit a three-run homer in Boston's six-run fifth, Youkilis hit a two-run homer in the ninth, Dustin Pedroia hit a two-run homer in the fifth and Adrian Gonzalez belted a solo shot in the first. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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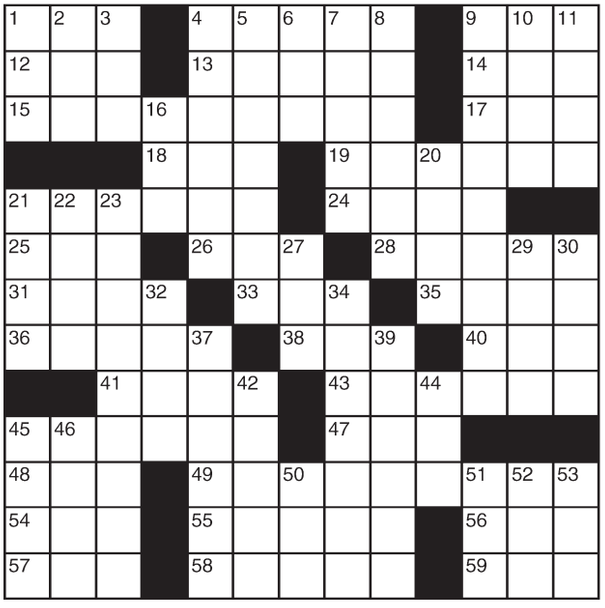

Across

1 Gorilla
4 Year-end visitor
9 Col. Sanders' chain
12 Droop
13 Up to the point that
14 Ultra-modernist
15 Tennessee city
17 Cheerios ingredient
18 Moving truck
19 Makes into law
21 Revealing swimsuit
24 Polio vaccine pioneer
25 Director Howard
26 Explosive letters
28 Leaf pore
31 Teensy bit
33 A Gabor sister
35 Get an — effort
36 Consume fully
38 Priestly vestment
40 Workweek end (Abbr.)
41 Weeded, in a way
43 Rented
45 Wild horse
47 Antiquated
48 Have a bug
49 It's all in your head
54 Hockey surface
55 "What's in —?"
56 Rowing need
57 — Angeles
58 Acquires
59 Resort

Down

1 Request
2 Skillet
3 Id counterpart
4 Learned one
5 Foolish
6 Super Bowl org.
7 Stories
8 Sports venues
9 Cheaper copies
10 Accomplishment
11 Barracks beds
16 Louis —
20 Can. prov.
21 Scottish hillside
22 Greek vowel
23 Flaws in lumber
27 Dam org. of 1933
29 Additional
30 Sahara-like
32 Unstable particle
34 "May I do that for you?"
37 Eat like a bird
39 Scarlett O'Hara and her ilk
42 Karan of fashion
44 Citrus beverage
45 Jump (out)
46 Puerto follower
50 Erstwhile acorn
51 Two, in Tijuana
52 Space
53 Historic time

▶ Friday's answer

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Sudoku

		6	7			5	2	
7						6		3
	8			4				1
	9				7	2		
			2		8			
		1	5				8	
4				2			3	
9		5						2
	7	3			6	4		

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

5	8	1	6	3	2	4	9	7
7	4	9	8	1	5	3	2	6
2	3	6	4	7	9	1	8	5
1	6	4	5	2	7	9	3	8
3	2	5	9	8	1	7	6	4
9	7	8	3	4	6	2	5	1
6	9	3	7	5	4	8	1	2
8	1	7	2	6	3	5	4	9
4	5	2	1	9	8	6	7	3

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Now is the time to say sorry and get things back to how they used to be.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Lighten up and stop worrying about things that are unlikely to happen, now or in the future.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Something that only a short time ago seemed to be difficult if not impossible will now seem ridiculously easy.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Family problems will be less intense as from today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If there is something you have wanted to say but felt unable to put into words you'll get past that blockage today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you have been deceiving yourself about the true state of your money situation the truth will come out today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 So many of the things you have been getting uptight about are not worth the effort.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't waste time looking back and regretting what happened. Look forward and start making things happen.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Dreaming is one thing – doing can be a bit more of a challenge.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make sure important people know you exist and what you can do.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you have always believed in may not be as simple as you had assumed.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You have not made the most of your resources of late, but you can still do something about it.

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